Augmentation of infrastructure at airports

109. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that private and public sector airlines have placed orders for purchase of large number of commercial aircraft from different foreign sources;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether airports in India have all the necessary infrastructure and grounding space to meet the requirement of increased number of aircrafts; and

(d) if not, the steps proposed to be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Following airlines have aproached the Government for bulk import/acquisition of commercial aircraft in coming years:—

(i) Jet Airways — 12 (December, 2005—October, 2007)

(ii) Air Deccan — 76 (2005-06—2011-12)

(c) and (d) The permission to import/acquire aircraft is granted after due consideration of all relevant factors including infrastructure and availability of night parking bays at the relevant airports. In any case, the Airports Authority of India/other airport operators undertake development programmes, from time to time, depending upon airlines requirements etc.

Creation of slot pool for new airlines

110. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to create a "slot pool" for new airlines entering into the sector looking at the unprecedented rise in air traffic and related congestion at airports;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) in what manner the new system to cater for a single-window clearance would be handled by airport operators; and